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Colorado Trends

Economic conditions in the State continued to show improvement during August. The number of Coloradans at work posted another good gain while unemployment remained nearly stable. The seasonally adjusted jobless rate was unchanged from the previous month at 5.9 percent. Last year in August, 7.4 percent of the labor force were unemployed.

Total employment advanced 10,500 during the month to reach 1,582,800. Over the year, job growth was almost 34,000.

The current increase was particularly encouraging as it came on the heels of a 15,300 gain in the prior month. It marked only the third time in the last two years employment increased two months in a row, an indication of just how slow Colorado's economic recovery has been.

An estimated 100,000 persons were out of work in August, 800 higher than in July, but 24,200 lower than one year ago.

The small rise in unemployment in August was not unexpected. Joblessness has fallen substantially since it reached this year's high of 126,300 in February. Normally it requires a much faster pace of job growth than we have experienced to sustain sizable decreases in unemployment each month. Also as job opportunities improve, more persons come into the labor force looking for work putting increased pressure on the level of unemployment.

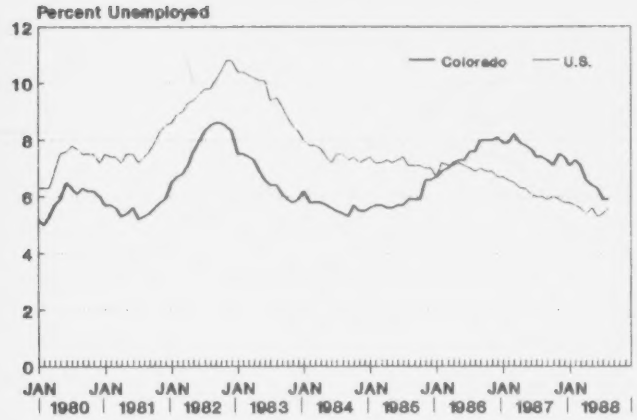
More favorable labor force conditions were evident in most areas of the State during August as 44 of Colorado's 63 counties posted declining unemployment rates on an unadjusted basis. Jobless rates tended to be the lowest on the eastern plains while the highest rates were in the San Luis Valley.

The nation's unemployment rate climbed to 5.6 percent in August, up two-tenths of a percentage point from July. Joblessness totaled 6.9 million persons, 226,000 more than in the prior month. Civilian employment continued to move higher, gaining 121,000 to reach a record 115.2 million.

Unadjusted nonagricultural wage and salary employment in Colorado slipped 100 in August to 1,388,00 from the 1,388,100 recorded in July. The change was slightly weaker than expected as August normally experiences a small gain. Individual sectors were split evenly among gainers and losers with three adding jobs during the month, three losing jobs and two remaining the same. Total wage and salary jobs in the State are 4,900 below last year's level of 1,392,900.

Manufacturing led all sectors over the month with a gain of 1,000 jobs, raising total employment in the industry to 189,000. This sector is also the fastest growing sector in the State over the past year, increasing 3,600 jobs or 2 percent. Capital equipment

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
COLORADO AND U.S. (S.A.)



spending for plant modernization has strengthened across the U.S. during 1988, boosting job growth in related industries. Colorado has benefited from this trend with the machinery except electrical subsector of manufacturing growing 2,300 jobs over the past twelve months to 28,200. This trend has not yet spilled over into more spending for new plant construction, however, which would aid growth in the sluggish subsectors of lumber and furniture (down 200) and stone, clay and glass (down 400). Food and kindred products has provided the job growth on the nondurable goods side of manufacturing adding 1,100 jobs in the past year to 26,200. This subsector should provide short-term support for industry growth this fall with the anticipated build-up of local food processing activity. Harvesting and processing of apples, sugar beets, vegetables and potatoes is expected to be at normal or above normal levels this year.

Finance, insurance and real estate (up 100) and government (up 100) both showed small gains during August.

The finance sector, however, has lost 2,100 jobs since August 1987 and can be expected to weaken further over the next several months as competitive pressures intensify. Central Bancorporation Inc. recently announced that it will lay off 300 workers by early 1989 in order to cut costs. The announcement followed earlier layoffs at United Banks and Columbia Savings. The banking subsector at 20,700 is currently 600 jobs below its level of one year ago.

The biggest loss during August occurred within services (down 700). Contract construction (down 500) and mining (down 100) experienced smaller declines.

Transportation and public utilities and wholesale and retail trade both showed no change over the month.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the **DENVER MSA** dipped one-tenth of a percentage point in August to 5.6 percent. The current rate is the lowest since 5.5 percent was recorded in November 1985 and well below the 6.9 percent of last August.

The number of jobless Area residents edged up 100 over-the-month to 49,500. One year ago, an estimated 60,900 persons were seeking, but unable to find work. After accounting for normal seasonal movements, the number of unemployed has receded by almost 10,000 since February.

Seasonally adjusted employment rose 3,700 in August to 828,100. Although up 9,900 over-the-year, the number of working local residents is still 26,000 below the level seen in January.

Nonfarm wage and salary jobs in the Region increased a scant 100 over-the-month to 787,500, slightly weaker than expected for the period. Construction (down 600), and services (down 500), and trade (down 200) were the weakest industrial sectors in August, showing no seasonal strength. At 35,000, construction industry jobs are now down about 18,000 from the Area's August 1984 peak. Industry gainers were led by government (up 1,300) as payroll additions in the local government subsector (up 1,700) were usually strong. Manufacturing (up 100) and transportation, communications, and public utilities (up 100) were the other groups showing job gains during the month.

LABOR SURPLUS AREAS INCREASE IN COLORADO

The U.S. Department of Labor has recently designated certain high unemployment areas throughout the United States as eligible for federal procurement preference during the period October 1, 1988 through September 30, 1989. Employers located in these areas are eligible for preference in federal contract bids if they agree to perform at least 51 percent of the contract work within such areas. The purpose of this procedure is to put government dollars in areas where people are in most severe economic need.

Labor surplus classifications are based on an average of each areas's unemployment rate for the previous two calendar years. The reference period for the new list is January 1986 through December 1987. Areas having a jobless rate 20 percent higher than the average national rate for the same period are designated as labor surplus areas. Because the average jobless rate nationally was 6.6 percent, areas had to have an average unemployment rate of 8.0 percent to qualify. By using a two-year reference period, it is possible to target federal procurement contracts into areas experiencing high structural unemployment; that is, unemployment that is relatively long-term in nature rather than the result of temporary, seasonal, or cyclical factors.

In certain situations, however, the Department of Labor can waive the criteria and classify areas under the exceptional circumstances provision. This permits the classification of areas which are encountering a significant rise in unemployment that is not temporary or seasonal and was not adequately reflected in the data for the two-year period.

This year, a total of 41 Colorado jurisdictions were marked for procurement preference. No areas were deleted from the prior year's list and 13 areas are new to the qualifying list. Colorado areas currently designated are:

Alamosa County
Archuleta County
Chaffee County
Clear Creek County
Conejos County
Costilla County
*Crowley County
Custer County
Delta County
*Dolores County
*Elbert County
Fremont County
Garfield County
*Gilpin County
Grand Junction City
Greeley City
Huerfano County
*La Plata County
Lake County
Las Animas County
*Loveland City
Mineral County
Moffat County
Montezuma County
Montrose County
Morgan County
Otero County
Ouray County
Park County
Pueblo City
*Rio Blanco County
Rio Grande County
*Routt County
Saguache Couty
San Juan County
*San Miguel County
*Teller County
*Balance of Adams County 1/
*Balance of El Paso County
Balance of Mesa County
Balance of Pueblo County

*new area October 1988

1/Balance of Adams County is Adams County excluding Arvada City, Aurora City, Northglenn City, Thornton City and Westminster City.

Inquiries about the classification of labor surplus areas should be directed to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, (TEESS), 200 Constitution Ave., N.W., Washington, D. C. 20213. Telephone: (202) 535-0189. Information on Colorado areas can also be obtained from the Labor Market Information Section of the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AREA LABOR FORCE AND INDUSTRY DATA 1/

COLORADO	AUG 1988	JUL 1988	MAY 1988	AUG 1987	CHANGE FROM: MONTH AGO	1 QTR. AGO	YEAR AGO
Resident Civilian Labor Force (In Thousands).	1682.8	1671.5	1692.7	1677.3	11.3	-9.9	5.5
Unemployment	100.0	99.2	107.6	124.2	0.8	-7.6	-24.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.9	5.9	6.4	7.4	---	---	---
Employment	1582.8	1572.3	1585.1	1549.1	10.5	-2.3	33.7
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Jobs	1391.9	1393.3	1392.0	1394.0	-1.4	-0.1	-2.1
Mining	21.0	21.1	20.6	21.2	-0.1	0.4	-0.2
Contract Construction	57.7	59.0	61.6	66.5	-1.3	-3.9	-8.8
Manufacturing	187.0	186.2	185.7	183.7	0.8	1.3	3.3
Durable Goods	119.0	118.5	117.7	117.0	0.5	1.3	2.0
Nondurable Goods	68.0	67.7	68.0	66.3	0.3	0.0	1.7
Transportation & Public Utilities	83.2	82.4	82.5	84.1	0.8	0.7	-0.9
Trade	350.9	353.3	350.8	349.8	-2.4	0.1	1.1
Wholesale	75.2	75.3	75.4	75.7	-0.1	-0.2	-0.5
Retail	275.7	278.0	275.4	274.2	-2.3	0.3	1.5
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	96.3	96.5	96.9	98.4	-0.2	-0.6	-2.1
Services	330.2	331.2	330.7	331.0	-1.0	-0.5	-0.8
Government	265.6	263.6	263.2	261.3	2.0	2.4	4.3
Federal	53.9	54.2	54.4	54.1	-0.3	-0.5	-0.2
State	63.5	63.5	62.4	61.4	0.0	1.1	2.1
Local	148.2	145.9	146.4	145.5	2.3	1.8	2.7
DENVER MSA (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force (In Thousands).	877.6	873.8	882.4	879.1	3.8	-4.8	-1.5
Unemployment	49.5	49.4	52.2	60.9	0.1	-2.7	-11.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.6	5.7	5.9	6.9	---	---	---
Employment	828.1	824.4	830.2	818.2	3.7	-2.1	9.9
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Jobs	788.7	788.9	788.3	790.3	-0.2	0.4	-1.6
Mining	13.6	13.8	13.6	14.2	-0.2	0.0	-0.6
Contract Construction	32.7	33.7	35.4	36.8	-1.0	-2.7	-4.1
Manufacturing	95.7	95.3	95.1	94.7	0.4	0.6	1.0
Durable Goods	52.1	51.9	51.5	51.4	0.2	0.6	0.7
Nondurable Goods	43.6	43.4	43.6	43.4	0.2	0.0	0.2
Transportation & Public Utilities	59.8	59.4	59.8	60.3	0.4	0.0	-0.5
Trade	199.8	200.7	198.9	199.2	-0.9	0.9	0.6
Wholesale	54.0	54.1	54.0	54.2	-0.1	0.0	-0.2
Retail	145.8	146.6	144.9	145.2	-0.8	0.9	0.6
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	65.6	65.8	65.9	66.6	-0.2	-0.3	-1.0
Services	195.2	195.7	195.0	195.7	-0.5	-0.2	-0.5
Government	126.3	124.5	124.6	123.8	1.8	1.7	2.5
Federal	31.4	31.6	31.7	31.6	-0.2	-0.3	-0.2
State	26.7	26.7	26.2	25.6	0.0	0.5	1.1
Local	68.2	66.2	66.7	66.6	2.0	1.5	1.6
BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA (Boulder County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	129630	129740	130250	128560	-110	-620	1070
Unemployment	5790	6030	5990	7340	-240	-200	-1550
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.5	4.6	4.6	5.7	---	---	---
Employment	123840	123710	124260	121220	130	-420	2620
COLORADO SPRINGS MSA (El Paso County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	190240	189330	189370	188010	910	870	2230
Unemployment	12580	12910	14260	15500	-330	-1680	-2920
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.6	6.8	7.5	8.2	---	---	---
Employment	177660	176420	175110	172510	1240	2550	5150
FORT COLLINS-LOVELAND MSA (Larimer County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	90740	90930	91780	88480	-190	-1040	2260
Unemployment	4880	4710	5340	5980	170	-460	-1100
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.4	5.2	5.8	6.8	---	---	---
Employment	85860	86220	86440	82500	-360	-580	3360
GREELEY MSA (Weld County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	65770	65030	67210	64180	740	-1440	1590
Unemployment	3930	4000	4500	4940	-70	-570	-1010
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.0	6.2	6.7	7.7	---	---	---
Employment	61840	61030	62710	59240	810	-870	2600
PUEBLO MSA (Pueblo County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	50610	50700	49420	49260	-90	1190	1350
Unemployment	4070	4050	3940	4610	20	130	-540
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.0	8.1	8.0	9.3	---	---	---
Employment	46540	46650	45480	44650	-110	1060	1890

COLORADO LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT

STATE OF COLORADO	AUG 2/ 1988	JUL 3/ 1988	AUG 1987	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands). (by place of residence)	1695.3	1688.4	1683.4	6900	11900
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	91.9	95.7	114.2	-3800	-22300
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.4	5.7	6.8	---	---
EMPLOYMENT	1603.4	1592.7	1569.2	10700	34200
Nonagricultural 5/	1560.1	1550.8	1522.3	9300	37800
Agricultural	43.3	41.9	46.9	1400	-3600
WAGE & SALARY 6/ (by place of work)	1388.0	1388.1	1392.9	-100	-4900
MINING	21.0	21.1	21.2	-100	-200
Bit. Coal, Lignite & Nonmetallic	3.9	4.0	3.7	-100	200
Oil & Gas Extraction	13.8	13.9	14.4	-100	-600
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	62.3	62.8	71.8	-500	-9500
General Building Contractors	13.8	14.1	16.1	-300	-2300
Heavy Construction Contractors	9.9	10.1	11.4	-200	-1500
Special Trade Contractors	38.6	38.6	44.3	0	-5700
MANUFACTURING	189.0	188.0	185.4	1000	3600
Durable Goods	120.3	119.6	118.3	700	2000
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	6.8	6.8	7.0	0	-200
Stone, Clay, Glass & Concrete Prd	7.8	7.8	8.2	0	-400
Primary & Fabricated Metals	13.4	13.4	12.7	0	700
Machinery, except Electrical	28.2	27.9	25.9	300	2300
Electric & Electronic Equipment	22.3	22.1	22.9	200	-600
Transportation Equipment	17.9	17.9	17.7	0	200
Nondurable Goods	68.7	68.4	67.1	300	1600
Food & Kindred Products	26.2	26.1	25.1	100	1100
Printing & Publishing	22.5	22.4	22.3	100	200
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	82.8	82.8	83.7	0	-900
Communication, Elec, Gas, Sani. Svcs	44.7	44.7	45.5	0	-800
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	353.3	353.3	352.4	0	900
Wholesale Trade	75.7	75.9	76.2	-200	-500
Retail Trade	277.6	277.4	276.2	200	1400
General Merchandise Stores	31.1	31.3	31.2	-200	-100
Food Stores	44.4	44.4	43.4	0	1000
Automotive Dealers & Svc. Station	28.0	28.0	28.4	0	-400
Eating & Drinking Places	105.3	104.7	104.3	600	1000
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	97.3	97.2	99.4	100	-2100
Banking	20.7	20.7	21.3	0	-600
Credit Agencies Other Than Banks	18.2	18.3	19.1	-100	-900
SERVICES	335.5	336.2	336.2	-700	-700
Hotels & Other Lodging	30.0	29.5	30.0	500	0
Personal Services	16.7	16.5	16.0	200	700
Business Services	74.2	74.3	73.9	-100	300
Auto & Misc. Repair Services	16.0	16.0	16.1	0	-100
Amusements & Recreation	21.9	22.1	22.0	-200	-100
Health Services	84.5	84.6	83.7	-100	800
Hospitals	36.2	36.3	35.7	-100	500
GOVERNMENT	246.8	246.7	242.8	100	4000
Federal Government	55.0	55.0	55.2	0	-200
State Government	55.9	56.2	54.1	-300	1800
Education	31.6	31.6	30.3	0	1300
Local Government	135.9	135.5	133.5	400	2400
Education	64.4	64.5	64.3	-100	100
LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.1	0.1	0.0	0	100

DENVER MSA AND BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT

DENVER MSA (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties)	AUG 2/ 1988	JUL 3/ 1988	AUG 1987	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands).	883.5	880.6	884.2	2900	-700
(by place of residence)					
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	46.3	48.0	57.0	-1700	-10700
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.2	5.4	6.4	---	---
EMPLOYMENT	837.2	832.6	827.2	4600	10000
Nonagricultural 5/	829.5	825.2	818.9	4300	10600
Agricultural	7.7	7.4	8.3	300	-600
WAGE & SALARY 6/	787.5	787.4	790.8	100	-3300
(by place of work)					
MINING	13.6	13.7	14.2	-100	-600
Oil & Gas Extraction	11.4	11.4	12.0	0	-600
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	35.0	35.6	39.4	-600	-4400
MANUFACTURING	96.2	96.1	95.3	100	900
Durable Goods	52.3	52.1	51.6	200	700
Transportation Equipment	16.1	16.1	15.9	0	200
Nondurable Goods	43.9	44.0	43.7	-100	200
Food & Kindred Products	14.4	14.4	14.3	0	100
Printing & Publishing	12.9	12.9	13.0	0	-100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	60.0	59.9	60.5	100	-500
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	199.8	200.0	199.4	-200	400
Wholesale Trade	54.3	54.4	54.5	-100	-200
Retail Trade	145.5	145.6	144.9	-100	600
Eating & Drinking Places	53.2	52.9	52.0	300	1200
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	66.5	66.5	67.4	0	-900
SERVICES	198.1	198.6	198.6	-500	-500
Hotels & Other Lodging	10.6	10.6	10.7	0	-100
Health Services	47.2	47.3	47.1	-100	100
GOVERNMENT	118.3	117.0	116.0	1300	2300
Federal Government	31.5	31.6	31.7	-100	-200
State Government	24.7	25.0	23.7	-300	1000
Local Government	62.1	60.4	60.6	1700	1500
LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0

BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA (Boulder County)	AUG 2/ 1988	JUL 3/ 1988	AUG 1987	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands).	129.9	129.8	128.7	100	1200
(by place of residence)					
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	5.3	5.7	6.8	-400	-1500
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.1	4.4	5.2	---	---
EMPLOYMENT	124.6	124.1	121.9	500	2700
Nonagricultural 5/	122.8	122.4	120.0	400	2800
Agricultural	1.8	1.7	1.9	100	-100
WAGE & SALARY 6/	103.9	104.2	102.7	-300	1200
(by place of work)					
MINING	0.3	0.3	0.3	0	0
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	3.3	3.3	3.7	0	-400
MANUFACTURING	28.7	28.7	28.5	0	200
Durable Goods	23.5	23.4	23.4	100	100
Nondurable Goods	5.2	5.3	5.1	-100	100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	23.4	23.3	22.9	100	500
Wholesale Trade	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
Retail Trade	20.9	20.8	20.4	100	500
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	4.1	4.1	4.2	0	-100
SERVICES	22.1	22.0	21.7	100	400
GOVERNMENT	19.7	20.2	19.1	-500	600
Federal Government	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
State Government	8.7	8.8	8.4	-100	300
Local Government	8.4	8.8	8.1	-400	300
LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0

COLORADO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

COLORADO AREA	August 1988 PRE TOTAL LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOY	TOTAL UN-EMP	% UN-EMP	--	July 1988 REV TOTAL LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOY	TOTAL UN-EMP	% UN-EMP
Alamosa	5692	5271	421	7.4	--	5681	5237	444	7.8
Archuleta	2669	2525	144	5.4	--	2643	2482	161	6.1
Baca	2063	2018	45	2.2	--	2052	1998	54	2.6
Bent	2290	2173	117	5.1	--	2260	2139	121	5.4
Chaffee	6365	5969	396	6.2	--	6377	5957	420	6.6
Cheyenne	991	967	24	2.4	--	1057	952	105	9.9
Clear Creek	2215	2001	214	9.7	--	2229	1991	238	10.7
Co. Springs MSA	192174	180498	11676	6.1	--	191652	179242	12410	6.5
Conejos	2583	2172	411	15.9	--	2461	2152	309	12.6
Costilla	929	735	194	20.9	--	898	725	173	19.3
Crowley	1525	1440	85	5.6	--	1502	1413	89	5.9
Custer	953	890	63	6.6	--	945	874	71	7.5
Delta	7810	7211	599	7.7	--	7851	7153	698	8.9
Den-Bldr CMSA	1013466	961796	51670	5.1	--	1010382	956706	53676	5.3
-Bldr-Lgmont MSA	129912	124582	5330	4.1	--	129798	124084	5714	4.4
-Denver MSA	883554	837214	46340	5.2	--	880584	832622	47962	5.4
---Adams	148405	139195	9213	6.2	--	147828	138432	9396	6.4
---Arapahoe	210537	201417	9120	4.3	--	209722	200312	9410	4.5
---Denver	271718	255283	16435	6.0	--	271123	253883	17240	6.4
---Douglas	19973	19088	885	4.4	--	19827	18984	843	4.3
---Jefferson	232917	222230	10687	4.6	--	232082	221011	11071	4.8
Dolores	819	781	38	4.6	--	834	778	56	6.7
Eagle	11896	11483	413	3.5	--	11734	11339	395	3.4
Elbert	3723	3476	247	6.6	--	3719	3465	254	6.8
Ft. Collins-Loveland MSA	91674	87323	4351	4.7	--	90627	86306	4321	4.8
Fremont	11344	10551	793	7.0	--	11152	10359	793	7.1
Garfield	14391	13695	696	4.8	--	14340	13626	714	5.0
Gilpin	2620	2531	89	3.4	--	2594	2523	71	2.7
Grand	4897	4745	152	3.1	--	4875	4710	165	3.4
Greeley MSA	67003	63512	3491	5.2	--	66878	63039	3839	5.7
Gunnison	5072	4902	170	3.4	--	5037	4831	206	4.1
Hinsdale	394	388	6	1.5	--	373	373	0	0.0
Huerfano	2425	2166	259	10.7	--	2374	2128	246	10.4
Jackson	1072	1015	57	5.3	--	1037	995	42	4.1
Kiowa	1031	997	34	3.3	--	995	979	16	1.6
Kit Carson	3791	3702	89	2.3	--	3743	3648	95	2.5
Lake	1460	1310	150	10.3	--	1467	1304	163	11.1
La Plata	15814	14987	827	5.2	--	15788	14953	835	5.3
Las Animas	4730	4348	382	8.1	--	4703	4350	353	7.5
Lincoln	2061	2016	65	3.1	--	2048	1989	59	2.9
Logan	8773	8461	312	3.6	--	8699	8384	315	3.6
Mesa	38897	36407	2490	6.4	--	39018	36335	2683	6.9
Mineral	273	265	8	2.9	--	282	260	22	7.8
Moffat	4995	4617	378	7.6	--	4983	4596	387	7.8
Montezuma	8895	8290	605	6.8	--	8900	8196	704	7.9
Montrose	11498	10681	817	7.1	--	11424	10552	872	7.6
Morgan	9715	9068	647	6.7	--	9611	8973	638	6.6
Otero	8599	8022	577	6.7	--	8409	7784	625	7.4
Ouray	1760	1709	51	2.9	--	1737	1672	65	3.7
Park	2992	2828	164	5.5	--	2867	2710	157	5.5
Phillips	2249	2204	45	2.0	--	2213	2155	58	2.6
Pitkin	8529	8262	267	3.1	--	8457	8110	347	4.1
Prowers	6592	5973	619	9.4	--	6486	5921	567	8.7
Pueblo MSA	50560	46727	3833	7.6	--	50210	46399	3811	7.6
Rio Blanco	2717	2590	127	4.7	--	2729	2580	149	5.5
Rio Grande	5563	4815	748	13.4	--	5524	4778	746	13.5
Routt	8173	7809	364	4.5	--	8165	7768	397	4.9
Saguache	1815	1378	437	24.1	--	1804	1366	438	24.3
San Juan	474	448	26	5.5	--	469	443	26	5.5
San Miguel	2400	2313	87	3.6	--	2399	2268	131	5.5
Sedgwick	1360	1342	18	1.3	--	1354	1328	26	1.9
Summit	6919	6630	289	4.2	--	6925	6606	319	4.6
Teller	6233	5826	407	6.5	--	6214	5808	406	6.5
Washington	2550	2437	113	4.4	--	2492	2379	113	4.5
Yuma	4838	4721	117	2.4	--	4756	4597	159	3.3
COLORADO	1695349	1603435	91914	5.4	--	1688434	1592685	95749	5.7

All estimates made in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and adjusted to Current Population Survey data. Estimates not seasonally adjusted.

COLORADO LABOR FORCE AVERAGES
January 1988 - August 1988

County Name	Total Labor Force	Total Employed	Total Unemployed	Percent Unemployed
Alamosa	5877	5363	514	8.7
Archuleta	2671	2442	229	8.6
Baca	2055	1974	81	3.9
Bent	2259	2103	156	6.9
Chaffee	6497	5865	632	9.7
Cheyenne	975	934	41	4.2
Clear Creek	2330	2059	271	11.6
Co. Springs MSA	191046	176030	15016	7.9
Conejos	2538	2125	413	16.3
Costilla	892	729	163	18.3
Crowley	1493	1395	98	6.6
Custer	932	862	70	7.5
Delta	8109	7115	994	12.3
Den-Bldr CMSA	1016206	954785	61421	6.0
-Bldr-Lgmont MSA	130264	123763	6501	5.0
-Denver MSA	885942	831022	54920	6.2
---Adams	149645	138166	11479	7.7
---Arapahoe	210582	199927	10655	5.1
---Denver	272209	253394	18815	6.9
---Douglas	19974	18947	1027	5.1
---Jefferson	233531	220587	12944	5.5
Dolores	852	791	61	7.2
Eagle	12529	11838	691	5.5
Elbert	3787	3422	365	9.6
Ft. Collins-Loveland MSA	91799	85992	5807	6.3
Fremont	11480	10311	1169	10.2
Garfield	14469	13393	1076	7.4
Gilpin	1755	1658	97	5.5
Grand	5158	4924	234	4.5
Greeley MSA	67628	62727	4901	7.2
Gunnison	5508	5181	327	5.9
Hinsdale	383	374	9	2.3
Huerfano	2397	2103	294	12.3
Jackson	1052	979	73	6.9
Kiowa	1004	965	39	3.9
Kit Carson	3709	3590	119	3.2
Lake	1550	1300	250	16.1
La Plata	16241	15079	1162	7.2
Las Animas	4851	4385	466	9.6
Lincoln	2029	1960	69	3.4
Logan	8651	8264	387	4.5
Mesa	39527	35953	3574	9.0
Mineral	295	259	36	12.2
Moffat	5053	4528	525	10.4
Montezuma	9041	8066	975	10.8
Montrose	11684	10292	1392	11.9
Morgan	9663	8917	746	7.7
Otero	8429	7579	850	10.1
Ouray	1431	1310	121	8.5
Park	2944	2713	231	7.8
Phillips	2210	2134	76	3.4
Pitkin	8765	8332	433	4.9
Prowers	6549	5978	571	8.7
Pueblo MSA	50440	45915	4525	9.0
Rio Blanco	2677	2502	175	6.5
Rio Grande	5462	4694	768	14.1
Routt	8596	7977	619	7.2
Saguache	1632	1348	284	17.4
San Juan	505	453	52	10.3
San Miguel	2497	2288	209	8.4
Sedgwick	1373	1320	53	3.9
Summit	7855	7424	431	5.5
Teller	5725	5189	536	9.4
Washington	2497	2348	149	6.0
Yuma	4712	4533	179	3.8
COLORADO	1700268	1585065	115203	6.8

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED INDUSTRIES 7/

COLORADO

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	AUG 2/ 1988	JUL 3/ 1988	AUG 1987	AUG 2/ 1988	JUL 3/ 1988	AUG 1987	AUG 2/ 1988	JUL 3/ 1988	AUG 1987
CONSTRUCTION	$477.85	$477.89	$468.60	39.2	39.3	38.6	$12.19	$12.16	$12.14
MANUFACTURING	$416.80	$418.80	$412.05	40.0	40.0	40.2	$10.42	$10.47	$10.25
Durable Goods	$431.19	$426.77	$428.90	41.5	40.8	41.6	$10.39	$10.46	$10.31
Nondurable Goods	$397.19	$405.19	$387.73	37.9	38.7	38.2	$10.48	$10.47	$10.15

DENVER MSA (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties)

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	AUG 2/ 1988	JUL 3/ 1988	AUG 1987	AUG 2/ 1988	JUL 3/ 1988	AUG 1987	AUG 2/ 1988	JUL 3/ 1988	AUG 1987
CONSTRUCTION	$527.83	$519.50	$498.07	40.2	39.9	38.7	$13.13	$13.02	$12.87
MANUFACTURING	$438.69	$444.29	$414.80	39.7	40.5	40.0	$11.05	$10.97	$10.37
Durable Goods	$478.47	$479.57	$483.48	41.0	41.2	42.9	$11.67	$11.64	$11.27
Nondurable Goods	$397.17	$408.75	$353.63	38.3	39.8	37.5	$10.37	$10.27	$9.43

SELECTED MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

	COLORADO 6/			DENVER AREA		
	AUG 1988	JUL 1988	AUG 1987	AUG 1988	JUL 1988	AUG 1987
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE						
Initial Claims	10,434	9,576	10,753	5,952	5,404	6,049
Continued Claims	103,237	90,894	105,869	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Number of Weeks Compensated	82,817	73,922	85,397	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Amount of Benefits Paid	$12,081,621	$11,497,333	$13,366,268	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Benefit Funds Available	$150,656,593	$119,894,101	$104,508,029	---	---	---
EMPLOYMENT SERVICE						
New Applications for Work	15,963	16,294	13,972	7,257	8,172	7,019
Nonagricultural Placements	8,675	7,417	6,012	2,317	2,301	1,997
Agricultural Placements	2,011	915	1,012	224	406	338

AREA LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS

July 1988 - In Thousands

	United States 3/	Colorado 3/	Arizona	Idaho	Montana	New Mexico	Utah	Wyoming
Civilian Labor Force	123,888	1688.4	1619.1	486.0	398.2	692.2	740.5	236.4
Unemployment	6,823	95.7	109.0	25.6	24.7	57.7	34.1	11.2
Unemployment Rate(%)	5.5	5.7	6.7	5.3	6.2	8.3	4.6	4.7
Employment	117,066	1592.7	1510.1	460.4	373.5	634.5	706.4	225.2

FOOTNOTES TO DATA TABLES

Estimates made in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Labor force components are adjusted to Current Population Survey Data. Estimates not seasonally adjusted except where otherwise noted.

1/ Data is seasonally adjusted. Recurrent yearly movements in labor force data associated with the Current Population Survey have been isolated and removed by the X-11-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Method. Industry data series detail may not add to totals because they have been independently adjusted. Effects of irregularities such as unseasonal weather, strikes, etc. on the trend-cycle component of individual series have been reduced by graduated treatment of extremes. Seasonally adjusted data is provided for time-series analysis and is not an official data series of the Bureau of Labor Statistics.
2/ Preliminary.
3/ Revised.
4/ Residents unemployed during the week including the 12th of the month.
5/ Includes residence adjusted nonagricultural wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family, domestic workers and labor disputants.
6/ Estimates of all full and part-time employees who worked during or received pay for any part of the pay period including the 12th of the month. Excluded are self-employed, unpaid family, domestic workers and members of the Armed Forces. Estimates based on December 1986 benchmark utilizing 1972 Standard Industrial Classification Codes. Only subsectors for which an adequate estimating sample is available are shown. Due to rounding, sum of major industry sectors may not equal total.
7/ Averages, prepared by the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, based upon data for full and part-time production, working supervisory, and related employees who worked during the pay period including the 12th of the month. Average earnings are computed on a "gross" basis and may reflect change in basic hourly and incentive wage rates. Average hourly earnings are not wage rates but averages of gross earnings of all employees below administrative level.
8/ The Colorado statewide totals for number of weeks compensated and amount of benefits paid include counts relating to lost checks and previous benefit underpayments under the regular State Unemployment Insurance Program.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY (CPS) - Is the official survey instrument for measuring labor force attachment in the United States. A survey of about 60,000 households is conducted throughout the nation each month by trained interviewers. Employment and unemployment data for Colorado reflect responses of approximately 800 households within the State which are represented in the CPS sample.

EMPLOYED PERSONS - Are those individuals 16 or older who worked at least one hour for pay or profit or worked at least 15 unpaid hours in a family business during the survey week. Individuals are also counted as employed if they had a job but did not work because they were ill, on vacation, in a labor dispute or prevented from working because of bad weather or personal reasons. Each person is counted only once by place of their residence. Persons in the Armed Forces are excluded.

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS - Are those individuals 16 or over who did no work during the survey week, were available to work and had taken specific actions to find a job during the last four weeks. Persons who have been laid off subject to call-back or are waiting to begin a new job within 30 days are also classified as unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE Is the total number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the employed and unemployed, i.e., as a percentage of the civilian labor force.

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